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H. G. CURTIS,
Town Clerk.

Municipal Buildings,
21st September, 1943.

BROADSTAIRS & ST. PETER'S URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Measles and Whooping Cough Regulations, 1940

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WE MUST NOT FORGET

BATTLE OF BRITAIN SUNDAY

THANET GIVES THANKS

"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

No body of people in this country appreciated more the Prime Minister's tribute to the gallant Battle of Britain pilots than those who remained in the Isle of Thanet during the summer of 1940.

Much of that great battle was fought out over our heads. We were in the forefront of the battle and saw the Luftwaffe torn from the skies.

To the people of Thanet, therefore, Sunday's commemoration of the Battle of Britain was no mere ceremony. At Ramsgate, Broadstairs and Margate townspeople gathered to give thanks for a great deliverance.

THE GLORIOUS FEW

CAPT. BALFOUR AT MARGATE

Under-Secretary of State for Air, Capt. Harold Balfour, M.C., M.P., took the salute at a march past at Cecil-square, Margate.

Recalling the gallant efforts of "the few" who saved the country from invasion in 1940, Capt. Balfour asked that they should not be forgotten when victory was won and peace returned.

The parade, which was headed by six R.A.F. fighter pilots, included representatives of all branches of the Defence. They marched to the strains of the drum and fife band of the Thanet Squadron of the A.T.C.

A service of thanksgiving was conducted by the Vicar of Margate (Rev. R. Percival Smith).

The Mayor, introducing Capt. Balfour, said they were commemorating the successful conclusion of the Battle of Britain, when, by the devotion and bravery of the men of the R.A.F., backed up by the ground defences, the Civil Defence personnel and the whole nation, we were, by the grace and help of God, saved from destruction. The whole country was inspired by the example of self-sacrifice of those noble and gallant warriors. Now, after three years, we could look forward with the greatest confidence in our ability and strength to achieve certain victory.

Underlying Heroism.

Capt. Balfour, recalling that the Battle of Britain was fought over the heads of many of them, said it was primarily won by the undying heroism of the crews of the R.A.F. They stemmed the tide of violence which threatened to engulf this country, and forced Germany to turn her eyes away from the glittering prise of a subjugated England which she saw in front of her.

It was interesting to recall the very thorough preparations Hitler made for the invasion of this island. Invasion barges were reported to be massed in hundreds in the channel ports. The destruction of the R.A.F., of ports and docks, of air fields and the great cities and vital communications was planned to the last detail. Hitler had a great force of some 3,000 bombers and fighters, with more in reserve which were massed on the air fields of Holland, Belgium and France. It was on 8th August that the German High Command gave the order for massed daylight attacks on England. No one needed to be particularly clever or like a superman to know what that implied, for Warsaw, Rotterdam, Belgrade and other European cities were too recent examples of the fury of the Luftwaffe let loose on an orgy of destruction. At that time it was just England between Germany and world conquest, only the conquering of this country that lay between the triumph of the forces of evil in the world over the forces of good.

Forefront of the Battle.

"You particularly in this part of Kent were in the forefront of the battle," said Capt. Balfour. "You were in the front line and saw the great masses of aircraft flying above you. You saw the German pilots, fresh and arrogant from their triumphs in Belgium and France, bent on the destruction of this country. Many of you tragically saw your homes destroyed and your friends and relatives killed. But you saw other things as well. You saw squadrons of Hurricanes and Spitfires tearing into the air, and saw silver streaks fall out of the sky to crash in flames on the ground. You saw the fair countryside of Kent littered with the wreckage of German bombers and fighters. And you felt the proud arrogant and invincible Luftwaffe retreating from the coast of Kent, beaten in their object by the glorious few to whom the Prime Minister paid tribute.

"When we remember the Battle of Britain we remember many things. The courage of our brave fighter pilots, often weary almost beyond physical endurance, going up again and again to do their job. We remember with tremendous gratitude and admiration the wonderful work and steadfastness of the Civil Defence forces—a body of men and women, comparatively untrained in' active service conditions, who rose nobly to the occasion. They coined the phrase "We can take it."

"We in this country excited the envy and admiration of the whole world by the bearing, the morale and the determination and unity of the citizens.

Dawn of Victory.

"We have come a long way since the Battle of Britain," went on Capt. Balfour, "and perhaps the dawn of victory is slowly coming in sight. But there is still a long journey before final victory comes, and to-day I think it is worth a moment's thought to consider what was the impelling motive with those men and women of the R.A.F., the Civil Defence services, the Army and the Navy. It was, I believe, something more than just a job to be done. It was a tremendous sense of duty. It was men and materials and machines that decided the issue, but when you think of the odds that were against us at the time, I believe, as I know you do, that there was something more. There was some divine guidance and some divine determination that if we would prove worthy in that hour we should be given our salvation."

Remarking that he knew many of those pilots who survived the Battle of Britain, Capt. Balfour said "It would be false for me to tell you they were any different from you I see today in uniform. They are grand men, but they are not super-men. They have their faults like every other human being, but they accepted the call of duty 100 per cent. I believe that is the secret of their ability to accept so bravely and determinedly the final sanction of human warfare, which is death for the cause in which you believe. They have accepted that final sanction in the past, and they continue to accept it to-day. No one can have that absolute sense of duty to the extent of laying down their life unless they have a fundamental belief in the cause they are fighting for, the cause of right over wrong."

Our Debt.

Expressing the view that we still had a long way to go before the cessation of fighting, for Germany and the German forces were still powerful, Capt. Balfour urged that when victory did come, with the distribution of the benefits of peace, they should not forget those whom they were remembering that day.

"Let us always keep in our minds," he said, "the debt which we owe those men in the forces, which, beyond any thought of public politics, we have just got to pay. Whoever is responsible for the country, for our local administration and for the running of even single household and family, let us remember that we must always carry with us so long as we live that debt which it will be our constant duty to endeavour to repay. Let us thank God that Britain has produced such men within her own shores and in the dominions and been privileged to have allies of the calibre of those men, and in celebrating the Battle of Britain let us be humble in our determination that each one of us will be ready to do our best in the future."

THE GREAT DELIVERANCE

CIVIC SERVICE AT ST. LAWRENCE

Detachments of the Royal Air Force and the Women's Auxiliary Air Force appropriately headed the procession to St. Lawrence Church for the civic commemorative service on Sunday afternoon.

The service was attended by the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kemp), the Deputy Mayor (Alderman G. W. Twigger) and aldermen and members of the Council, the Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis) and other officials, re-

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BROTHER'S TRAGIC DISCOVERY

SUICIDE IN CONVENT FIELD

Following many years of suffering due to an accident sustained while out shooting, Mr. Samuel George Banger, of 34 Goodwin-road, Ramsgate, outstanding marksman in his younger days, ended his life with a shot from a double-barrel sporting gun.

Sixty-nine years of age, Mr. Banger lived with his brother, Mr. Alfred Lionel Banger, retired nurseryman, for whom he worked at the Pegwell nursery for 40 years.

Finding his brother's room empty when he woke at six o'clock on Thursday morning, Mr. Alfred Banger searched the neighbourhood and about an hour later found his brother's body, clad only in pyjamas and socks, lying in the Convent of the Assumption field close to the house. The top of the skull was blown away and at his feet lay a sporting gun.

A verdict that he took his life while the balance of his mind was disturbed was returned by the Deputy Coroner (Mr. E. C. Allfree) at an inquest on Friday.

Skull Blown Off.

Dr. A. N. Gordon said that at 7 a.m. the previous day he was called to a field opposite the Convent of the Assumption, where he saw the body of deceased. Death had been caused by a seven gunshot wound in the head, the top of the skull being blown off. By the side of the body lay a sporting gun.

A fortnight previously, in the absence of his own doctor, witness saw deceased. He was very depressed and then threatened to take his own life.

Mr. Alfred Lionel Banger, aged 71, retired nurseryman, said he and his brother had been living together at 34 Goodwin-road for the past three years. About eight years ago his brother had a accident while out shooting. A van in which he was riding overturned and fell on him, bending three ribs. He had had bad health ever since and had had a number of complicated operations. Recently he had been in considerable pain and about a week previously threatened to take his life. He said the agony was so great he could not stand it.

Witness said he kept a careful watch on his brother and for four days did not take his eyes off him. On Wednesday evening witness sat with deceased and he was asleep when he left him at 11.30. When witness woke at 6 a.m. he looked into his brother's room and found the bed empty. Witness went out to look for his brother. He made enquiries of a coastguard and asked a warden to telephone the police to say he was missing.

Empty Gun Case.

On returning to the house witness saw the empty gun case and knew something had happened. Going to the road, he looked through the hedge and saw a white object. On looking over the top he saw it was his brother. He was dressed only in pyjamas and socks.

Witness said deceased had a gun in his room and about 100 cartridges. If he had not had the gun he would have killed himself in some other means. Deceased would have resented it if the gun had been removed. About two months previously he shot a rabbit in Downs-road with the gun.

Mrs. Side, who was called to the field in Goodwin-road, said in his presence the previous witness unloaded the gun. One cartridge had been discharged and the other was live. He formed the opinion that deceased had placed the barrel of the gun in his mouth and pulled the trigger.

Inspr. Fittall, on behalf of the police, expressed sympathy with Mr. Banger on the death of his brother. Mr. Sam Banger, said the inspector, was known to them all and his passing was deeply deplored.

MRS. E. J. CAYLEY

SUDDEN DEATH AT UPTON

The death occurred with tragic suddenness at her home, 9 Upton cottages, Broadstairs, on Saturday morning, of Mrs. Emily Ann Cayley, wife of Mr. Edward J. Cayley.

Mrs. Cayley, who was 72 years of age, was washing-up the crockery after breakfast when she complained of feeling queer. She sat down and Mr. Cayley went to her assistance, but Mrs. Cayley passed away before medical aid could be summoned.

Her death parts a popular old couple who have lived in the Thanet area all their lives and have always worked on the land. For a number of years Mr. Cayley has been employed by Mr. F. Goodson at Upton Farm, where, in his middle 70s, he is still actively engaged in agricultural work.

Mr. and Mrs. Cayley were married at St. Peter's Church on 3rd December, 1891, so last December they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Born at Brooksend, Mrs. Cayley, whose maiden name was Nutting, spent the early part of her life in domestic service at Ramsgate. A few years after her marriage she and her husband moved to Upton Farm.

Sympathy is extended to the widower, one son and one daughter in their loss.

The funeral will take place at St. Peter's to-morrow at 2 p.m.

RAMSGATE

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SATURDAY, 9th OCTOBER

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SOLDIERS SENT FOR TRIAL

ALLEGED LOOTING AND STOREBREAKING

For several hours on Monday Ramsgate magistrates heard evidence against two soldiers who were alleged to have been concerned in the theft of articles from No. 43 South Eastern-road.

Defendants were Arnold Wilson, aged 19, and Edwin John Heavingham, aged 21, both gunners in the Royal Artillery.

The men were charged together with breaking and entering the premises between 16th and 19th August, and stealing articles to the value of 12s. 6d., the property of Miss Isabel Haswell.

There was also a joint charge against the two men of looting the premises.

Wilson was charged separately with breaking out of the premises on 22nd August after having stolen articles to the value of £5, and with breaking in and stealing an alarm clock, value £1, on the same date. Looting charges were also preferred in connection with these offences.

Both defendants were committed for trial at Sandwich Quarter Sessions to be held on 8th October.

"Shocking Disorder."

D/C Reid said that at 4.15 p.m. on Sunday, 22nd August, he went to 43 South Eastern-road. On examining the premises with Mr. and Mrs. Howells, the local custodians, he found the glass of the door leading into the kitchen was broken. The kitchen door was open, a corrugated tin cover over the kitchen window had been pulled away, an inner felt covering had been cut and the glass broken. The interior of the house was in a shocking state of disorder. Doors, cupboards and drawers had been forced. A food cupboard in a rear bedroom had been forced open and he noticed amongst other articles an empty sugar carton and a number of lumps of sugar on the floor.

The officer said an attempt had also been made to force a large steel safe. He made inquiries and at midnight the same day saw Wilson. He told him he was making inquiries respecting 43 South Eastern-road, which had been entered. Witness searched defendant's kit and found a number of articles in his possession. He told Wilson to the police station and he was later charged with another offence.

Visit to Rye.

On Wednesday, 25th August, witness visited Rye and at 12.30 p.m. saw Heavingham. He told him of his inquiries and defendant replied "I went into the house and I still have one or two articles in my possession." Witness searched Heavingham's kit and recovered a pack of playing cards, a shopping list, a leather-covered pocket and diary, an autograph book, a pair of scissors and other articles.

He then cautioned Heavingham and he made a statement.

In the statement Heavingham said he was in the cookhouse at his billet at 5.10 p.m. on 17th or 18th August when Wilson came in. He was carrying an old-fashioned wallet and he asked him where he got it. They left the billet and Wilson said "Look, this house is full of stuff, come in. We can get in the back way. I will show you." They entered the house together and he took a number of articles mentioned in the charge. Most of the rooms were in disorder.

Witness said that on Friday, 27th August, he visited Maidstone Prison, where he saw Wilson. He questioned him about another matter and as a result he made a statement.

In the statement Wilson said he asked Heavingham to go into the house with him and they did so. They looked in all the rooms. He opened one drawer and took out some brooches. He believed Heavingham took some as well.

Scarf Sent to Mother.

On Monday, 13th September, at 10.45 p.m., Wilson was charged with being concerned with Heavingham in stealing articles from 43 South Eastern-road. He had nothing to say in reply to the charge. He was also charged with looting. Heavingham was similarly charged.

Witness said Heavingham told him that the scarf he took from 43 South Eastern-road had been sent home by him to his mother. It had since been recovered.

D/C Reid produced a statutory declaration made by Miss Haswell on 20th September, in which she stated she was 84 years of age. She left her home, 43 South Eastern-road, Ramsgate, on 24th May, 1940, because of war conditions. Articles shown to her—those mentioned in the charge—were her property. The total value of the missing property was £5 7s. 9d.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) announced that defendant would be committed for trial at Sandwich Quarter Sessions.

The four charges against Wilson were then proceeded with.

Gnr. William King McCleary, R.A., said that on Sunday, 22nd August, at about 3 p.m., he saw a clock on the mantelpiece of his billet. He asked Wilson to whom it belonged and he said it belonged to him. Witness asked him if he would sell it and defendant said he could have it for 2s. He bought it, having no idea the clock had been stolen.

Statement Retracted.

D/C Reid said when he searched Wilson's kit he found four towels and a number of other articles. Asked to account for them he said "I brought them with me from leave. They are mine." Asked if he could find out the sugar which had been in his possession that day he said "The sugar and towels I found wrapped up outside the house opposite." After being cautioned he said "I might as well tell you I went into the house." He then made a statement admitting the thefts.

In a further statement Wilson admitted breaking into cupboards and drawers of 43 South Eastern-road, and also admitted breaking into 47 South Eastern-road and other houses.

Wilson was also committed for trial on the separate charges.

Both Wilson and Heavingham were allowed bail in their own recognisances in the sum of £10 each.

Calling forward D/C Reid, the Chairman said the magistrates wished to commend him on the part he had played. He had given his evidence in a very clear way and without bias.

C/I Butcher said he would see that the commendation was conveyed to the proper quarter.

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MODERN House wanted within radius of 15 miles of Ramsgate; must be roomy, with garage and large garden.—Write, stating price, Bower, Charnes, Bramshall-road, Uttoxeter, Staffs. †65

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TO Let, unfurnished, modern self-contained Flat; redecorated; moderate rent; Ramsgate.—Write, Box 672, Advertiser Office, Ramsgate. 62

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TYPEWRITERS

TYPEWRITERS urgently wanted for H.M. Government.—Write, call or phone details to Geering, 28 High-street, Maidstone (phone 3523), or 80 High-street, Ashford (phone 644). †61

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FURNITURE Storage Rooms, central, moderate.—Apply, 16 Guildford-lawn, Ramsgate. 62

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WILL the Relatives or Friends of William Archer, who lived at Ramsden, Billericay, Essex, approximately 1936, ask him to contact the advertiser and he will learn something to his advantage?—Write, Box 674, Advertiser Office, Ramsgate. 59

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TWO young ladies desire Ballroom Dancing Lessons.—Write, Box 670, Advertiser Office, Ramsgate. 60

ST. GEORGE'S EXAMINATION SUCCESSES

In the London Chamber of Commerce summer examinations the following successes were gained by pupils of St. George's Boys' Central School, Ramsgate:

Single subject certificates—J. Brookman, mathematics, French (distinctions); D. Coleman, arithmetic; L. Daisy, arithmetic (distinction), mathematics, French, geography; R. Dines, English, arithmetic, French (distinctions), mathematics, geography; P. Easton, arithmetic, mathematics, geography, handwriting; B. Fagg, French; R. Fearn, mathematics (distinction), French; R. I. Noble, English, mathematics (distinctions), arithmetic, French; E. O'Rourke, English (distinction); J. Potts, English, French, handwriting; W. Walton, English; D. Webster, arithmetic, French (distinctions), mathematics.

The following successes were gained in the same examination by St. George's girls:

Christine Andrews, arithmetic, English (distinctions), geography, handwriting; Pamela Alexander, French, English, handwriting; Lily King, English, history, handwriting; Kathleen Miller, English, arithmetic, handwriting; Miriam Page, English (distinction), French, handwriting; Joyce Abbott, arithmetic, handwriting; Joyce Elton, English, handwriting; June Gander, English, handwriting; Jeanne Groombridge, English, handwriting; Freda Matthews, English, handwriting; Vera James, English, handwriting; June Sawtell, French, handwriting (distinction); Eileen Gibbs, arithmetic; Kathleen Harris, arithmetic; Gwenda Nichols, history; Violet Knott, history; Beryl Stanner, handwriting; Peggy Mayhew, handwriting; Dorothy Lancaster, handwriting.

AIR TRAINING CORPS

438 (Thanet) Squadron

Officer commanding—F/Lt. R. W. Spratling, R.A.F.V.R. (T.).

Squadron H.Q.—College-road, Margate.

Orders for week ending 2nd October.

Part 1.

To-day.—A, B, C, D and E Flights parade at respective H.Qs. at 18.55 hrs. (E at 20.15 hrs.) Instruction as general timetable.

Thursday.—A, B, C and D Flights parade at respective H.Qs at 18.55 hrs. Instruction as general timetable.

Friday.—E Flight parade at 20.15 hrs. Instruction as general timetable.

Orderly officers and N.C.Os—see Flight D.R.Os.

Part 2

Appointments.—P/O C. C. Harris to Flt. Cmdr. (D Flight). P/O A. W. Bates to acting Adjt. (C and D Flights). Mr. Davis to band sergeant.

Football match.—E v. A and B, at Minster, Sunday, 3rd October.

Frank A. Burgess, F/O, R.A.F.V.R.(T.)
Adjt., for C.O.

This Week's Short Story

"IMPORTANT"

by Marten Cumberland

Jimmy Lawson had walked from Brixton to the Strand, and felt rather fagged when he finally limped into Charing Cross Station. It was not the distance he had covered. Jimmy was big, athletic, and only twenty-four; but individuals, like armies, march on their stomachs, and Jimmy had eaten nothing for thirty-six hours.

He flopped on to a seat, and looked about him. There was the usual bustle of a great railway terminus, but no one took any notice of him. He was alone on the seat. He found a newspaper, and with it unobtrusively cleaned up his dusty shoes.

Of a sudden he abandoned his task and rose to his feet with a glad smile. A girl had come quickly into the railway station and was advancing towards him with a smile similar to his own.

"Jim!" she said. "How are you? I've only five minutes, dear, and then I must rush to the office."

"Doris! It's topping of you to meet me, darling!"

He stood, holding her small, gloved hand. There was a happy grin on his face, and a light of keen admiration.

"You're looking fine!" he declared. "It does one good just to see you."

The girl's pretty face flushed, and then her grey eyes became anxious.

"Have . . . have you got anything, Jim" she asked. "I do hope . . ."

"I'm going to the Sheridan Theatre now," he replied. "I'll see Vantine, and I'm sure he'll give a small part in 'The Eyes of a Child.' The bad luck can't go on all the time, dear."

The girl sighed.

"I do hope you will pull it off, Jim. Are you all right? You look a little pale. Have you had a good breakfast?"

"Fine! Two whacks at the eggs and bacon, and half a pot of marmalade! I'll walk with you to the office, darling."

Outside her office, in Norfolk-street, he kissed her when the liftman's back was turned, and grinned at her cheerfully.

"I'll get a 'shop' all right," he said. "I'll ring you up and let you know the result."

"Yes, ring me up, Jim."

The girl retained his hand for a moment. Her pretty face flushed adorably.

"If only your luck is in," she whispered. "Then we can . . ."

She broke off, but her eyes finished the sentence for her—"And then we can marry, and all will be for the best in the best of all possible worlds."

Jimmy's eyes answered the look in hers, and then he said "good-bye," and swung out of the offices into the Strand.

At the entrance to the Sherdian Theatre an old commissionaire looked at Jimmy dubiously.

"Have you an appointment, sir?"

"No," Jimmy smiled. "As a matter of fact, I didn't trouble to make one. But Mr. Vantine will see me."

The sergeant glanced at Jimmy's good-looking, ingenuous face, and noted the well-cut grey suit which still did its tailor credit.

"H'm! Have you a card, sir?"

Jimmy produced a card. He was about to hand it over when a thought struck him. Taking out a pencil, he wrote beneath his name the word "Important!" and underlined it. The commissionaire's grey eyebrows rose, but he made no comment.

"There's a waiting-room along the corridor, sir. If you don't mind waiting a few minutes."

Jimmy waited two hours and a quarter. He read numerous periodicals and newspapers. With morbid interest he read all the advertisements and even news made stale by radio repetition.

He was feeling a little faint when a small boy came and announced that Mr. Vantine would see Jimmy immediately.

The great man was seated at his desk, and was dictating a letter when Jimmy entered the private office.

"Morning, Mr. — er — Lawson!" Louis Vantine had glanced at the card on his desk. "Excuse me! Shan't keep you a moment. Sit down!"

"No hurry at all," murmured Jimmy, seating himself, and carefully concealed his left shoe—the patched one.

"'So,'" dictated Louis Vantine, "'I will either see you in New York or Florida. Will wire later. I certainly feel like a holiday, if it is only a couple of weeks. I'm nearly dead! All the best.—Yours, etc.' Got that, Miss Brent? Good! I think that's all. I'll get away this afternoon if the heavens fall. And for heaven's sake, don't get worrying me. Mr. Simpson's in charge here, and he's the man to worry!"

"Very good, Mr. Vantine!" said the blonde typist.

She rose sedately, and under Jimmy's interested gaze, walked out of the room.

"Sorry to keep you, Mr.—er—Lawson!" said Vantine. "Been busy with rehearsals all the morning. Now, what is it?"

Jimmy's young face flushed slightly. "I'm afraid I've caught you at rather an awkward time, Mr. Vantine," he said, nervously. "As a matter of fact, I'm looking for a job. I saw that you were producing 'The Eyes of a Child,' and I thought there might be something for me."

"H'm!"

Louise Vantine glanced thoughtfully at Jimmy.

"You're not Jerome Lawson, of Boston, or any relation?"

"No," said Jimmy. "No relation."

"H'm!"

Mr. Vantine picked up a paper-knife and looked at it with profound interest.

"Any experience?" he asked.

"Oh, yes. I played Morton Trent in 'Divorce à la Mode,' on tour, and ——"

Jimmy launched into autobiography, and made the most of things. It didn't take long.

"Fine!" said Mr. Vantine, in a tired voice. "Well, Mr. Lawson, I'm afraid every part is filled as far as 'The Eyes of a Child' is concerned. I don't know——"

He roused himself by a mighty effort and reached across the desk for Jimmy's card.

"Look here, Mr. Lawson," he said. "I'm going away directly I've had lunch. There might be a vacancy, or something might turn up. You'd better see Simpson. He's in the theatre now."

Vantine picked up a pencil. On the top of Jimmy's card, above Jimmy's name, he wrote the single word—"Introducing."

"Take that to Simpson, will you? I like to help a fellow if I can. You never know . . . Anyhow, see Simpson."

The great man rose to his feet, pressed the bell for his typist, and handed the card to Jimmy, who thanked him.

"Not at all," he said, graciously. "Like to help a fellow if—ah, Miss Brent. Got your book? Good! Good morning, Mr.—er—Lawson. Not at all!"

Jimmy stumbled out of the luxurious office, and went in search of Mr. Simpson. He found him alone in a darkened theatre, a pale, moody little man, with a bald head and anxious eyes.

"Hullo!" said Mr. Simpson. "Who are you? I was just going to lunch. What is it?"

Jimmy handed over his card, and moistened his lips.

"Mr. Vantine told me—said—you might have something for me, Mr. Simpson. In 'The Eyes of a Child,' you know. Some small part. I don't mind if——"

Mr. Simpson laughed gloomily. "All filled up weeks ago," he said. "You're at least a month too late!"

"Oh!" said Jimmy.

He could say no more. He thought of Doris. There was a lump in his throat, and a queer singing in his ears. He gazed miserably at Mr. Simpson, who was twisting the card about in his fingers.

"All filled weeks ago," repeated Mr. Simpson. "I should have thought you'd have known that."

Jimmy gulped. "Mr. Vantine told me there might be something, Mr. Simpson," he stammered. "He told me to see you, and——"

Jimmy broke off, for an extraordinary change had come over Mr. Simpson. The little man was looking at Jimmy's card. Suddenly he took Jimmy's arm affectionately.

"Of course, my dear fellow," he said. "Something might be done. You know what it is. All the bigger parts are cast, but still something might be done."

He began to walk Jimmy up and down. His manner was confidential, that of a blood brother.

"For example," he said, "there's the part of Miles St. John. It's small—only in the second part. But it's important. Would that suit you?"

Mr. Simpson's anxious eyes peered up at Jimmy.

"It would suit me splendidly," said Jimmy. "And I've played a similar part before. But I thought Paul Weber was already cast for Miles St. John?"

Mr. Simpson smiled.

"That's all right, Mr. Lawson. There are always ways and means. Then you'll take the part?"

He held out his hand, and Jimmy grasped it.

"I will," he said. "Thanks most awfully."

"Not at all," said Mr. Simpson.

Dancing on air, Jimmy made his way to a small theatrical club. There he might borrow half-a-crown for his lunch. And, more important than anything else, he could telephone Doris for nothing! He could almost hear the wedding bells pealing!

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Mr. Louie Vantine, back at the theatre after his American trip, glared at Mr. Simpson.

"What the deuce d'ye mean, Simpson?" he demanded. "You gave the part to young—who is it?—Lawson? What's Paul Weber doing? Ill?"

"No, Mr. Vantine. He—he's on tour with 'Make It Snappy'."

"Great snakes! But why? He was cast for the Miles St. John part. What's the big idea? Why Lawson? Who the devil is Lawson, anyway?"

"He's quite good," stammered Mr. Simpson. "Quite good. And—and you sent him to me, Mr. Vantine."

"Sent him to you?"

Louis Vantine leaned back in his chair and stared at the other in astonishment.

"I sent him to you to get rid of him. Holy smoke! You're not going to give fat parts to every lout I send along, are you? Couldn't you get rid of him? Great Jerusalem!"

Mr. Simpson was very shaky, and very pale, but there was a look of reproach in his nervous eyes.

"Of course, I could have done, Mr. Vantine," he said. "And so I would in the ordinary way. But you marked the card 'Important,' and so . . . Wait! I've got the card somewhere."

He began to fumble in his pockets. Vantine watched him in grim wonder.

"I marked the card 'Important'?" he snapped. "I did nothing of the kind! You're mad, Simpson! You——"

A little grunt of triumph came from Simpson. He produced Jimmy's card and laid it, soiled and crumpled, on Vantine's desk.

The piece of pasteboard contained, on top, the one pencilled word—"Introducing." Then came Jimmy's printed name. Below, in the right-hand corner, was the word—"Important!"

Louis Vantine jumped to his feet and collected his hat, gloves, and cane.

"Say no more!" he choked. "I'm going out to lunch!"

The End

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

4th (Thanet) CADET BN. THE BUFFS

Commanding officer—Capt. H. D. Rose, T.A.R.O.

Battalion headquarters—27 Harbour-street, Ramsgate.

Orders for the week commencing 26th September.

Part 1 (parades).

To-day.—A and C Coys. and Broadstairs Platoon at 19.00 hrs. Cert. "A" training according to programme.

Wednesday.—A and B Coys. at 19.00 hrs. Cert. "A" training according to programme.

Thursday.—C Coy. and Broadstairs Platoon at 19.00 hrs. Cert. "A" training according to programme.

T. Wells, Lt., T.A.R.O.
Adjt. for C.O.

BOARDING HOUSES DEMOLISHED

SOUTH-EAST COAST RAID

Used in peace-time as boarding establishments, two empty houses were demolished when they received a direct hit from a bomb during a raid by enemy aircraft on a south-east coast town on Tuesday night.

Casualties were few and slight and most of the high explosives and all the incendiaries fell in fields and other open spaces without causing damage.

Local fire guards proved their efficiency in one district where they had a small field fire well under control when members of the N.F.S. arrived.

A cut on the head was sustained by Mr. F. C. Edmunds, who was struck by a piece of glass from a fanlight at his house, which had its windows shattered for the second time this year. He and his wife, who was unhurt, were in the passage leading to the front door when the bomb exploded, destroying the boarding houses. Mr. Edmunds was treated at a first-aid post.

Huge lumps of plaster and broken glass showered over the beds at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Weber, but fortunately the couple, with their daughter Pauline, were downstairs. Mr. Weber, who was standing in the porchway, told a reporter "Suddenly a plane dived and there was an awful crash, with bits being thrown everywhere. I knew my house was damaged, but because of the black-out we had to wait till the morning to see what had happened. My wife, daughter and I spent the night sitting in armchairs."

Their house was badly shaken in a raid in January.

Although their home was damaged by blast, Mr. and Mrs. R. Douglass escaped injury.

Windows and doors in one wing of a large hotel were damaged and in another district bombs fell in two roadways, causing slight damage to surrounding houses.

THE FOOD FRONT

MAKE THE MOST OF HEDGEROW HARVEST

Good foods free for the picking abound in the hedgerows at this time of the year. Let us make the most of them. Anyone who lives near country lanes goes blackberrying as a matter of course, but there are many other good things to be harvested besides the succulent blackberry. Elderberries, for instance, and sloes and rowans and rose hips, and sweet brown nuts. They will all help to fill the winter store-cupboard and add interest to autumn menus.

Elderberry Pie.

1lb. very ripe elderberries
1 tablespoonful golden syrup
2 tablespoonsful hot water
2 or 3 cloves
Potato pastry—
2ozs. fat
8ozs. flour
4ozs. cooked mashed potato
½ teaspoonful salt
Water if necessary

Nearly fill a piedish with elderberries. Sweeten with the golden syrup and add the water. Mix the pastry ingredients and knead into a stiff dough, only adding water if the moisture in the potato is not enough to bind the dough. It should be as stiff as possible. Cover the fruit with the pastry and bake in a brisk oven until the crust is browned, then lower the heat and allow the fruit to simmer for another 10 to 15 minutes.

Sloe and Marrow Cheese.

Sloes and marrow make a good match. Pick the sloes when fully ripe; they should be black with the bloom on them and should come off the stalks at a touch.

2lbs. sloes
2lbs. marrow
2½lbs. sugar

Peel and seed the marrow and cut into small pieces. Put in a basin and cover with the sugar. Put the sloes into the preserving pan with enough water to start the juice. Cook over a slow heat until the fruit is quite tender. Sieve them, put the puree back into the pan, add the marrow and syrup. Bring to the boil and boil briskly for 25 minutes. Pot and seal immediately. If possible, crack some of the stones and add to the preserve before boiling to impart a nutty flavour. This cheese is good with cold meat.

Hips for Health.

Make your own Vitamin C syrup from rose hips, picked fully ripe after the first touch of frost has mellowed them. A couple of teaspoonsful of this syrup per day, during the winter, will make up for the lack of fruit and "greens" in winter.

Have ready 3 pints of boiling water, mince 2lbs. of hips in a coarse mincer and drop immediately into the boiling water and again bring to the boil. Stop heating and put aside for 15 minutes. Pour into a flannel or linen crash jelly bag and allow to drip until the bulk of the liquid has come through. Return the residue to a saucepan, add 1½ pints of boiling water, stir and allow to stand for 10 minutes. Pour back into the jelly bag and allow to drip. To make sure all the sharp hairs are removed, put back the first half cupful of liquid and allow to drip again. Put the mixed juice into a clean saucepan and boil down until the juice measures about 1½ pints, then add 1¼lbs. of sugar and boil for a further 5 minutes. Pour into hot sterile bottles and seal at once. If corks are used, these should have been boiled for ½-hour previously and after insertion coated with melted paraffin wax. Use small bottles as the syrup will not keep more than a week or two when opened. Store in a dark cupboard.

Note.—Avoid use of copper and iron in the preparation of rose hip syrup as these have a destructive action on the Vitamin C.

CADETS BEAT FIREMEN

Playing without a full side until nearly half-time, Thanet A.T.C. Squadron defeated D Division, N.F.S., by four goals to three at the Pettman Central School ground, Margate, on Sunday.

The cadets started with only eight players and within the first 20 minutes the firemen were three goals up. Ten minutes before half-time the A.T.C. team was complete and they netted twice, making an interval score of 3—2 in favour of the N.F.S.

In the second half nearly all the play was in the firemen's territory. The cadets equalised and later a terrific shot from the half-way line gave them the winning goal.

The cadets' goals were scored by Bishop, Pearce, Joyce and Murphy. Hoare, their captain and centre-half, played a fine game and was among the most conspicuous players on the field.

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For a small extra charge most seed merchants will dress seed with one of these dusts.

Home-saved seed should be treated on the farm before sowing. Treatment is easy and cheap. It can be done in a rotary churn type machine or in a simple gravity dresser now on the market. Make sure that the grain is dry when dusted and kept dry until you sow it.

If you have not yet used an organo-mercury dressing ask your War Agricultural Executive Committee about it and make a point of attending any demonstrations they may arrange.

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Cereal Seed Dressing is an Insurance Against Loss

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FEAR OF THE FUTURE

THE DISCIPLINE OF SERVICE

By JOAN SUTHERLAND

A young invalided officer working in the ordnance department told me the other day that he had come across a number of men who dreaded the end of the war because they feared it would mean being thrown out of employment.

This disaster and its results have been the subject of much discussion and debate in the House of Commons and the Press, and the Beveridge Report with certain amendments and skilled application should be an answer and drive that fear from the minds of those who have suffered from it. But there are many people, men and women, who still regard work as one of the evils of the world, as something to be avoided if possible, scamped certainly, something which curtails liberty and necessitates that to them, most abominable calamity, discipline. They are either ignorant of, or indifferent to, the fact that whether they like it or not, life will inflict its own discipline and that work well done is work for God and God never inflicts anything; He allows very often the results of human folly and materialism to take their course, but that is a totally different matter altogether.

Freedom is the result of doing one's duty, and if we do not do our duty to-day we shall not win this war with all the winning means of liberty, beauty and even life itself—because life as the Nazis would make us live it would not be worth having. I imagine we all agree with that.

The Purpose of Work.

But work can be done without the full result being obtained and then it does impose fetters upon us; most of us have to work and work very hard in these days, but even so we are not all obtaining equal results from our labour. A man employed in working with a lathe may put in just as many hours in the factory as the next man, but there will be something missing if his heart is not in that labour; the aggregate of output will be lower, of less value, because whatever we find to do, it should be done with all our might. The material can no longer be divorced from the spiritual; we see to-day only too clearly and terribly where that has led the world, and there must be deep underlying belief that our labour whether it be the monotonous task in the factory or in the home, the office or the workshop, the forces or the Cabinet—because there are times when all work has a tendency to become monotonous through sheer repetition—is a vocation, a task undertaken for God as well as for country. Even if it is charing or washing-up, turning a screw or stitching parachutes—even if its performance is chiefly to enable the worker to eat and sleep under shelter, and gain the barest necessities of life—it can still be a thing that is not wholly material. It can still be undertaken by the will as the direct service of God.

Work performed merely for the sake of the wages it brings in, is no longer worthy; young men who take their bombers and fighters over enemy country, the merchant seamen who go on month after month, bringing their little ships through submarine-infested waters or North Atlantic winter gales, do not think of such work merely as a means to earn money. Probably most of them never quite realise why they do it at all, but at bottom, if they were willing or able to search the depths of their thoughts and motives, they would say it was their job and they were going to do it in spite of those so-and-so Nazis.

What Liberty Means.

That is freedom; the freedom of the spirit, that chooses duty not self-indulgence, that having chosen, carries out that duty to the best of the ability in hand; choice, not force; liberty, not tyranny.

We are all in the fight together to gain such liberty, but material effort alone will not be enough, we human beings are not composed only of flesh and blood, bones, nerves and brain. We have something which when it passes on, leaves that flesh to decay, because something that even the greatest scientist cannot define—life, has fled. And life is spiritual, not physical, and man cannot give it to the dead. Therefore the work the body and brain perform must have for its motive something beyond merely material results such as more comfortable living, lower taxation, greater amenities, cheaper amusement, excellent, even necessary, as such are. It must have deep in its performance, the sense of vocation, the belief that we are here to serve the work, not the community, for great as the need for social service may be, the service to the work God has placed in our path is greater, because it is the individual service of God and such must come before even the State or the community or even humanity itself.

THE NEW FIRE GUARD ORDER

The Fire Guard (Local Authority Services) Order, 1943, and the Fire Guard (Business and Government Premises) Order, 1943, came into force on Monday. These Orders revoke the previous Fire Prevention Orders, and several important changes are introduced of which the most likely to affect the public in this district are summarised below:

The age limits for compulsory registration are 18 to 63 for men, instead of 18 to 60 as hitherto, but for women they remain as before, namely 20 to 45.

In future men attaining the age of 18 and women attaining the age of 20 are required to register within 21 days of their birthday instead of waiting for the announcement of a general registration. All persons of the stated ages except those who are exempt from registration must register in the district where they live if they have not already done so. This imposes upon persons moving from one district to another the obligation to register in the district in which they are taking up residence within 21 days of their arrival even although they may have already registered in another district.

In view of the fact that the new Orders impose upon a person the obligation to register as stated above, it is strongly recommended that those who may be in doubt as to their liabilities should enquire at their local Fire Guard Office, where full particulars may be obtained.

Women between the ages of 20 and 45 who have a child under 14 in their care and living with them may still claim exemption from enrolment, but they are nevertheless required to register. Exemption is provided for women who work at business premises and who have certain defined house-keeping responsibilities, but these again must register and although they will not be called on to do duty at the place where they work, they will be enrolled for duty at or near their homes.

BACK THE GREAT ATTACK

Warsaw knew total war. Rotterdam tasted of its horrors. London . . . Coventry . . . Plymouth—yes, and many other cities—bore the brunt of fierce attack. But to-day the enemy sees his own cities pounded, his U-boats sunk, his own land attacked—and held. These immense attacks—these smashing onslaughts of our fighting men—must be supported with our savings. To spend less upon ourselves and lend more to our country, that is the way to back this great attack. So save more, *much more*. "Raise the Standard" of your savings. Let your money fight side by side with our invading forces. Save—for victory

War Savings Groups throughout the country are setting out to achieve the following standards: In *Places of Employment* savings to be at least 1/- in the £ of total wages paid, or alternatively at least 75% of the employees to be members of their Savings Group. In *Street Groups* three out of every four houses to have at least one member saving regularly through the Street Savings Group.

RAISE THE STANDARD OF WAR SAVINGS

Issued by the National Savings Committee

MAGNIFICENT EFFORT

MARGATE'S £6,000 IN PENNIES

Speaking at the Pioneer Hall, Margate, recently, Lady Astor disclosed that since the war started Margate had contributed over £6,000 to the Red Cross Penny-a-Week Fund.

She read a letter written to her from the chairman of the Red Cross Appeal Committee stating "I would be glad if you would tell the people of Margate how much we appreciate their efforts." Lady Astor said Margate was a much damaged and evacuated town and therefore the effort was all the more magnificent.

Speaking on the work of the Red Cross and St. John in the war, she said it supplemented the services supplied by the Government to prisoners, sick and wounded servicemen and women, and men of the Merchant Navy, and provided them with little necessities and comforts which otherwise the men would not be able to obtain. The work of this vast organisation was divided into sub-divisions. There was one at Cairo, which dealt with all the forces in the Middle East, Malta and Syria, and this had a subdivision in every country where it was in force. They not only helped the prisoners of war, but also assisted in the search for the missing, and gave men that human understanding which meant so much to sick and wounded.

Since the beginning of the war £25,000,000 had been subscribed to the war organisation, from not only our country and the dominions, but also our great ally America, and this figure was one of which they could justly feel proud. Every man in prisoner of war camps in Germany and Italy was sent a 10s. parcel by the prisoners' department every week, and so far over 17,000,000 parcels had been despatched.

"Fairly Good" In Far East.

"You will notice I have only mentioned Europe," Lady Astor said, "for Japan does not officially recognise the Red Cross, although a delegation is now in America to bring more force to bear upon Japan to make her recognise the need for bringing food and comforts to the prisoner camps." The International Red Cross had sent representatives to these camps in the Far East and they reported on the conditions of the camps as "fairly good" and the food situation as "not too bad." "But we want to get the same conditions for these men in the Far East as we have for the men in Europe," said Lady Astor.

Lady Astor was speaking at a social afternoon for collectors and next-of-kin of local prisoners of war, and she was introduced by the Mayor (Alderman F. J. Cornford), who stated that the sum of £1,500 more than the corresponding period last year had been sent by Margate to the Red Cross from March to August this year.

In thanking Lady Astor for her address, the Mayoress presented her with a cheque for £200 for Mrs. Churchill's Aid to Russia Fund.

Lady Astor received the cheque with the remark "It is not every time I come to a meeting and get presented with a cheque for £200 for our Russian allies, and I am sure that, if every town has done as well in its drive as Margate, Mrs. Churchill will more than top her target."

THANET ECHOES

by The Listener

Intelligent Anticipation

I may be mistaken, but I believe it was the late Lord Northcliffe who observed that the most desirable quality in a journalist is that of intelligent anticipation. Apparently certain members of Ramsgate Town Council have different ideas as to the functions of a newspaper man. It all arose because I dared to forecast in these notes a few weeks ago that Alderman Wilfred Twigger was the most likely choice for the mayoralty. The overwhelming majority in favour of the nomination of Alderman Twigger at the private meeting of the Council suggests that the alderman who laid me 240 to 1 that I would prove wrong is not so closely in touch with the trend of events as he would lead one to assume. I am not claiming my £1 until 9th November, just in case there should be a slip between cup and lip, but I think the Mayor's Distress Fund can count on my donation.

Comment is Free

We have indeed reached a sorry state of affairs in this country if a newspaper is to be criticised for exercising its right of comment. One of the freedoms for which we are supposed to be fighting is the freedom of the press. If a newspaper merely records facts it has failed in one of its principal functions. Most British newspapers make a rigid distinction between news and comment. The accepted ideal is that of C. P. Scott, the great editor of the "Manchester Guardian": "Comment is free, but facts are sacred." Newspapermen were never modest so I quote unblushingly the following from Ivor Thomas' excellent little pamphlet on "The Newspaper": "In matters of personal integrity the British journalist is admittedly above reproach. Unlike some of his continental colleagues, he cannot be bribed directly, and is seldom caught by the indirect bribery of expensive luncheons, flattery and so on. What he puts into the paper, or leaves out, is dictated solely by journalistic considerations of which the greatest is news value, and a sense of what constitutes news is the journalist's greatest gift."

Voice of the People

Judged by this standard the question of who may be mayor of a town during the ensuing year is obviously news. By means of his contacts a journalist should be in a position to know more or less on whom the choice will fall. The day after Sir Kingsley Wood's untimely death almost every national daily gave a list of "possibles" for the Chancellorship. Were they wrong in so doing? According to the standards of a section of Ramsgate Town Council they were. Everybody speculates about such matters therefore why not the press, which is the voice of the people? The fact that the two Ramsgate newspapers forecast Alderman Twigger as the mayor-elect could not prejudice the free choice of the Council, unless, indeed, some of the members decided to vote against our forecast just to prove us wrong. To allege that we were usurping the powers of the Council is, quite frankly, ridiculous, and comes ill from people who should be the guardians of the democratic mode of life. It cannot be emphasised too often or too strongly that both national and local government representatives should be the servants and not the masters of the people.

Men Before Money

It is inevitable, but none the less lamentable, that full justice cannot be done to many important pronouncements by public men these days owing to the limitation of the size of newspapers. Field-Marshal Viscount Wavell, Viceroy-Designate to India, said some very illuminating things when he addressed The Pilgrims last week, but the percentage of people who read the type of newspaper able to give anything like a full account of the speech must be very small. After describing Lease-Lend as the first attempt on a great scale for many years to put principles and men's lives first and money second, Viscount Wavell continued: "It has always seemed to me a curious fact that money is forthcoming in any quantity for a war, but that no nation has ever yet produced the money on the same scale to fight the evils of peace—poverty, lack of education, unemployment, ill-health. When we are prepared to spend our money and our efforts against them as freely and with the same spirit as against Hitler, and when we pay our schoolmasters at a much higher rate, and our lawyers perhaps at a somewhat lower rate, we shall really be making progress." Coming events, it is said, cast their shadows before them.

Three Years Ago They Said—

"All authoritative circles are convinced that it is no longer possible to carry on the work of government in London in a normal way and that it can only be a question of time before the metropolis will be abandoned."—Voelkischer Beobachter, 15th September, 1940.

"The legend of British self-control and phlegm is being destroyed. . . . The population is seized by fear—hair-raising fear. The 7,000,000 Londoners have completely lost their self-control. . . . Complete demoralisation prevails among the fleeing population, screaming, shouting and breaking through the police cordons. . . . The English have lost their wits and do not know how to defend their ports or their capital."—Radio Paris, 20th September, 1940.

GESTAPO METHODS

SPOT OF BOTHER ON HOME FRONT

SANDWICH SCHOOL IN BILLETING DIFFICULTY

Compulsory powers adopted by the authorities in Carmarthen under the Government evacuation scheme have created rather an unpleasant situation in which the pupils of Sir Roger Manwood's School, Sandwich, are involved.

The school was evacuated to the town early in the war, a number of the boys being accommodated at the county council's farm institute; the others, a substantial proportion of the total, found billets in private houses.

Some months ago the county education authority, for certain reasons not generally understood, decided to set up a junior technical school in agriculture at the institute and served notice on the evacuated school to leave the building.

The authority apparently did not consider it their duty to provide alternative accommodation for the school.

No Appeal.

Last week compulsory billeting notices were served on many townspeople, with the information that appeal was out of the question and that accommodation must be provided immediately.

According to a local account, "two days elapsed and then the boys were dumped on doorsteps to the accompaniment of loud rappings on the doors. Many householders, however, did not answer and eventually it was found necessary to house a number of the boys in schoolrooms."

It certainly sounds a rather undignified situation for the staff and pupils of the school to be placed in.

The townspeople have been very kind and generous to the evacuees for over three years but they consider now that circumstances have changed and that the regulation without a prior right of appeal savours too much of "Gestapo" methods.

The boys, however, seem to be enjoying the whole affair. Over the week-end some 30 of them were accommodated in a chapel schoolroom and got their meals at the British Restaurant.

A new development last week-end was the resignation of the chief billeting officer.

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25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

Ramsgate Watch Committee, acting on the advice of the Chief Constable, have promoted D/S W. B. Duff to inspector and Sgt. W. Harnett to detective-sergeant.

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The Ramsgate Jewish community has lost its oldest member by the death on Sunday of Mrs. White, widow of the late Woolf White, whose death occurred last February. Mrs. White had reached the great age of 85 years.

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News has been received that Pte. J. H. Weigall, son of Capt. G. J. V. Weigall, has been wounded in France. He will be remembered as a promising player for Ramsgate St. George's Cricket Club, though he was only a lad when war broke out.

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Cpl. Donald Spendlove, Rifle Brigade, who was engaged in local journalism when war broke out, is at present stationed in England and acting as instructor in signalling. From Ramsgate he went to the staff of the Press Association, London. He has spent a long period in France.

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P/C Henry Darby, of Ramsgate police, who has again been home on short leave, is doing orderly duty on the staff of Gen. Sir Francis Lloyd. He was a reservist when war broke out and was called up with the Grenadier Guards.

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Sgt.-Major Jeffreys, Royal Engineers, of Hereson, Ramsgate, who was a local printer before joining the Army, is now engaged on a cross-Channel ferry boat and has made 110 trips to France.

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Lt. Percy Hickman, a well-known Ramsgate dentist, is likely to be released from the Army shortly and hopes to return to practice.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

DONKEYS AND GOATS

The annual show of donkeys and goats, promoted by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, took place at Ramsgate on Friday and in the evening the men and boys were invited to supper at the Victoria Hotel, at which about 50 were present. The chair was occupied by the local president of the society (the Rev. C. L. Williams), supported by the Rev. T. Hancocks, Mr. Wellden, Mrs. Sanders, Miss Saunders, Miss Castle, the hon. secretary and the two local inspectors. Songs, readings and addresses were given and much enjoyed and there was also a lantern entertainment. Mr. Harry Webster, of the Marina, kindly gave several songs, which were rendered in his well-known style. The distribution of prizes afterwards took place, the first prize of £1 being given to John Griggs for the best-kept donkey.

FIREMAN RETIRES

Most people will be sorry to hear that Mr. George Morecroft, for nearly 20 years associated with the Ramsgate Fire Brigade, has decided to give up his duties. It will be remembered that Mr. Morecroft met with a rather serious accident when proceeding to a fire on the East Cliff recently and it was really on this account that he decided to sever his connection with the brigade. He has been presented with a silver-mounted walking stick and silver-mounted pipe, in case, subscribed for by his colleagues in the brigade.

CHURCH CO-OPERATION

SHAPING THE NEW WORLD

"I sometimes feel that we talk too glibly about righteousness and justice but very often do not carry them out in our own lives. Men and women are laying down their lives for those principles and we must have an army prepared to live for them as well," declared Canon C. R. Claxton, secretary of the Missionary Council of the Church Assembly, speaking at Margate, last week.

Canon Claxton was addressing an open meeting arranged by the Margate Council of Christian Churches at the Town Hall, and there was a large attendance of representatives of all denominations in the borough.

The chair was taken by the Vicar of Margate (the Rev. K. Percival Smith), who said the general purpose of the newly-formed Council of Christian Churches was closer co-operation between the churches in the borough.

Canon Claxton explained that what Margate had done in forming such a council was happening all over the country, while similar unity was to be found in other countries, even on the continent of Europe. There were two reasons for such a great development. The first was in consequence of an attack, both direct and indirect, being made on the Christian way of life and the second a great movement of the spirit of God at work in the world to-day, drawing members of His family into closer co-operation.

As an instance of what could be done in this country, Canon Claxton mentioned that at Bristol the education authority had been persuaded to include religion in the syllabus of the evening schools and to allow churches to send speakers to all the schools in the city.

Everybody was thinking in terms of the future and they all knew there could be no return to the life before September, 1939, and that the revolution of war would lead to a new order. It was obvious that the Church had to make its voice heard and there were two things it constantly had to be doing. The first was to devise and pronounce the fundamental principles on which society should organise itself and secondly they must inspire and equip Christian citizens in their private capacities, to influence the society in which they live and work.

In conclusion, Canon Claxton said "Raise the standard of this place. Work and pray for a new and better Margate. You must insist that when this town of yours, of which you are justly proud, is replanned, its replanning must be based on Christian principles."

WIFE'S ADMISSION

CLIFTONVILLE DIVORCE

In the Divorce Court on Wednesday Mr. Justice Henn Collins heard the undefended petition of Cpl. Gordon John Macmillan, of the Royal Engineers, with a home address at Kingsford-street, Mersham, near Ashford, Kent, for a decree nisi against his wife, Alice Florence, on the ground of her adultery with the co-respondent, Frederick Richard George Hudson.

The marriage was in September, 1935, at St. Paul's Church, Cliftonville, Margate, and they lived at Ethelbert-road, Cliftonville. Petitioner's case was that the marriage was normally happy till 1940, when he went overseas. They corresponded regularly till 1941, when he received a letter from his wife. He came home on compassionate leave and saw his wife, and she admitted that she had committed adultery with Hudson.

After evidence in support of the charge of adultery, his lordship granted a decree nisi, with costs against the co-respondent.

DIFFICULT BOY

THEFT OF ROLLER SKATES

A 13-year-old boy who, when evacuated, tried to cash his savings stamps in order to return home, appeared before the magistrates at Ramsgate juvenile court on Tuesday.

He admitted breaking and entering a shed at the rear of 7a Park-road, Ramsgate, and stealing a pair of roller skates, the property of Mrs. Florence Brundle.

C/I H. G. Butcher told the court that on 6th July D/C Hopper went to the lad's home and asked him questions about the skates he had in his possession. He said he got them from a shed in Stanley-road. "I went into the garden to get some apples," defendant told the police officer, "and I pulled the shed door until it came open, then I took the skates."

The chief inspector said the boy broke into the same shed a few days after the offence in question and he also wished the court to take three other offences into consideration—stealing articles from Midlothian-cottages, Stanley-place, 9 Hollicondane-road, and a factory in Pysons-road.

The School Enquiry Officer (Mr. J. Hackett) said the boy was evacuated to Stafford in June, 1940, and in 1942 was very troublesome, absconding from his billet. He was later found trying to cash savings stamps to raise his fare home and was then placed in a hostel for difficult evacuated children. He returned to Ramsgate in March this year.

A report from the boy's school stated that he was an unreliable pupil and "definitely needs special care and attention."

The case was adjourned for three weeks in order that the lad could appear with another boy in connection with other offences.

At the Cinemas

COMEDY AND ROMANCE

NEW STARS AT PICTURE HOUSE

A sparkling comedy-drama, flavoured bountifully with vocal and instrumental music, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" heads the bill at Ramsgate Picture House to-day and to-morrow.

Allan Jones and Jane Frazee have the leading romantic roles, ably supported by Gloria Jean. The story is that of a young soldier who returns home on leave and finds himself the object of all sorts of attention. Seeking seclusion, he is mistakenly believed to be a deserter. This error provides the dramatic impetus that speeds the plot along a surprising musical path. "Sin Town," with Constance Bennett, Brod Crawford and Leo Carrillo, is also being shown.

A grand cast, including Allan Jones, Nancy Kelly, Bud Abbott, Lou Costello and Robert Cummings, features "One Night in the Tropics," chief film for the latter part of the week. It is a gay, romantic story, set against a Carribean island background, in which the two American comedy stars as usual lead the fun. Stardom becomes a reality for two of Hollywood's most talented youngsters, Gloria Jean and Donald O'Connor, in "She's My Lovely," the supporting picture. Jane Frazee and Robert Paige have ingratiating roles in a story which has to do with the adventures of a youthful concert star who wearies of it all and runs away.

COMMANDOS ON THE SCREEN

PAUL MUNI AT KING'S

"Commandos Strike at Dawn," showing at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, to-day (Tuesday) and to-morrow, is a story not only of the famous fighting men of these units but of the indomitable, unconquerable people of all "conquered" Europe struggling against Nazi tyranny with every weapon at their command.

Paul Muni, who gives a performance matching in brilliance his magnificent characterisations as Zola and Pasteur, appears as a kindly Norwegian patriot who turns hunter when he himself is hunted. The strong cast includes Anna Lee, Lilian Gish and Sir Cedric Hardwicke, and the Commando raid which forms the climax of the film is a breathless example of motion-picture production at its finest.

Another topical film is "Edge of Darkness," which is the main attraction on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. It tells of the "people's war" against Nazism, of bitter resistance against a brutal mentality that knows only force as its weapon and domination as its creed. Errol Flynn and Ann Sheridan enact the leading roles of Gunnar Brogge and Karen Svensgard, prime movers of the underground movement in the little town of Trollness. Their village is occupied by the Nazis under a ruthless disciple of the Feuhrer (Helmut Dantine).

HANGMEN ALSO DIE

ALICE FAYE AT ODEON

Adventure, intrigue, romance hit their true stride in "Hangmen Also Die," chief feature at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow.

This stirring drama tells the exciting story of the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich, the hangman, Nazi-protector of Czechoslovakia. It is a drama of love, passion and courage of the Czech people in the terror-ridden days of Heydrich. More specifically it is the story of a man and woman who, along with other patriotic members of the Czech Underground, undertake a relentless fight against the Nazi regime. The picture co-stars Brian Donlevy, Anna Lee and Walter Brennan. Also being shown is "Rhapsody in Brew."

Alice Faye, more radiant than ever before, makes a sensational come-back in "Hello, Frisco, Hello," which heads the bill for the latter part of the week. Pleasantly evoking an atmosphere of grease-paint, limelight, blaring bands, high-spirited naughtiness, gay abandon, hansoms and billowing draperies, it is a story of the good old days of the honky-tonk on the gaudy Barbary Coast, San Francisco's romantic waterfront entertainment quarter in the colourful early 1900s. The attractive cast also includes John Payne, Lynn Bari and Jack Oakie. Also being shown is "Strange Incident," with Henry Fonda.

TRADE RESTRICTIONS

LICENSEES' FIGHT AHEAD

Ministers of the Government must be made to realise that although when at war the English were a most submissive people, they could not and would not tolerate a continuance of that attitude for one moment longer than was absolutely necessary, declared Mr. Arthur W. Gardner, chairman of the Kent Federation of Licensed Victuallers, addressing a meeting of the Isle of Thanet Licensed Retailers' Protection Society at the Queen's Head Hotel, Margate, on Tuesday.

Mr. Gardner said he anticipated there would be great reluctance on the part of the ministers to relinquish their powers to rule and order when the war was over. After the last war difficulty was experienced in "killing D.O.R.A." It would be necessary for members of the trade to build up their organisation so that they would have a voice in the affairs that would concern them, not only through the ballot box but also by endeavouring to convert the public to their way of thinking.

The present attitude of ministers seemed to be "what I say has got to go." Efforts would have to be made to see that they modified that cry, and were made to realise that although when at war the English were a most submissive people, they could not and would not tolerate a continuance of that attitude for one moment longer than was absolutely necessary.

Mr. Gardner went on to refer to the effect of increased taxation on the commodities which licensed victuallers sold and gave some enlightening figures which, he said, might help members to answer the complaints of high prices made by their customers. In 1914, he said, the tax on a standard barrel of beer of 10·55 gravity was one farthing a pint. In 1939 it was 4½d., and to-day it was 11½d. The tax on a bottle of whisky in 1914 was 1s. 9d. In 1939 it was 9s. 7½d. and to-day had risen to 18s. 4½d.

In conclusion Mr. Gardner said he supposed there were very few districts in Kent which were worse off than Thanet in consequence of the abnormal conditions prevailing. He was convinced that it was only by united effort that they could expect to better their conditions in the trade.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Gardner was proposed by the chairman (Mr. W. G. Love), seconded by Mr. E. C. Nash.

RAMSGATE ROTARY VISITORS

Paying his annual visit to Ramsgate Rotary Club on Tuesday, Rotarian J. A. Rose, chairman of No. 12 District, R.I.B.I., spoke at their fortnightly luncheon.

He dealt with Rotary's part in reconstruction and said that as chairman of the Rotary Reconstruction Committee he was able to analyse the reactions and responsibilities of Rotary clubs to problems which had been set out in booklet form.

Their duty as members of Rotary and as citizens, he said, was to bring their minds to bear on these problems and to widen their sphere of service by assisting the community to arrive at unbiassed judgments on important subjects, thus helping the process of democratic government.

The chair was occupied by the president of the club (the Rev. C. H. Bailey) and the gathering included visitors from Margate, Canterbury and Dover, and the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, Vicar of St. Luke's, West Norwood, and formerly Vicar of Ramsgate.

If it's News ring Ramsgate 1012.

MINSTER

Musical Evening.—A musical evening was held at Minster Salvation Army Hall when Deal Salvation Army band played selections.

Cinema Show.—Arranged by the Vicar (Canon A. W. MacMichael), a cinema show for children was given at Minster Parish Hall on Tuesday. The event realised £2 for the church organ repair fund.

Parish Hall Dance.—A dance at Minster Parish Hall raised £5 9s. 6d. for the piano repair fund. Two hundred people attended and music was supplied by Don Beerling's band.

A.T.C. Whist.—Major W. Howard was M.C. at a whist drive held in Minster Parish Hall on Wednesday in aid of the A.T.C. welfare fund. The event made a profit of £1 2s. 2d. and prizewinners were Mr. Read, Mrs. Jezard, Mrs. Langden, Mrs. Hammond and Mr. Foster.

Funeral of Mrs. Ellen Winter.—The funeral took place at Minster on Wednesday of Mrs. Ellen Winter, of 5 Prospect-road, who died the previous Friday at Ramsgate General Hospital, aged 64. Mrs. Winter, whose death followed a long illness, resided in Minster nearly all her life and was a well-known worker for the Methodist Church. The interment was preceded by a service at Minster Methodist Church, conducted by the Superintendent Minister of the Ramsgate Methodist Circuit (the Rev. D. L. Williams), and the chief mourners were the widower, Mr. W. H. Winter (son), Mr. G. Hayward (brother), Mr. and Mrs. Dorkins and Mr. Epps (cousins), Mr. T. Hayward (nephew), Mr. and Mrs. W. Hayward (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A. Winter, Mr. A. Winter and Miss M. Winter (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law).

LOOKING FORWARD AND PRESSING ON

October marks the beginning of another farming year, when, among other preoccupations, we should be taking the final steps to find out how we stand financially. Like most things nowadays, simplicity is at a discount and pre-war book-keeping tends to be regarded as too simple to be sound. Since it is useless to kick against the pricks, it would be well, if we have not already done so, to keep henceforth a strict account of all receipts and payments. Apart from that, the main principle is not to inflate our valuations. Having got this distraction off our minds, we can proceed with the task we reckon to know most about—the production of food for man and beast. If ever there was a time when we should put our best foot foremost, it is now. The end is in sight; we must all be well in at the finish.

Corn is still king, and in the principal corn-growing districts it has already been possible to get well away with preparations for the next harvest. For the best results we must try to choose the most suitable varieties. Partly owing to a mild winter, and partly, perhaps, to intensified corn production and scarcity of potash, some wheats this year have shown marked susceptibility to rust; and rust is liable to be carried over from one crop to another. Fortunately, there is a wide choice of resistant varieties suited to different conditions of soil and climate. For the poorer soils there are, for instance, Rivet and Little Joss; and for the richer—Juliana, Yeoman, Holdfast and the Scandinavian wheats, Scandia and Als—to mention only a few. Of oats, there is the old Grey Winter for the poorer soils; S.147 and S.172 for the richer—S.172 with its short, stiff straw for the most fertile soils only.

Finally, let us get on with the job while the going is good, remembering that in farming if we are late in one thing, we are likely to be late in everything.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BRING BACK THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Sir,—The comments by "The Listener" in your issue of 17th September will, I feel sure, be endorsed by the majority of parents with children evacuated to the secondary schools.

Many of the children, having heard the rumours referred to, returned to Staffs. from the summer vacation buoyed with the hope that they would be home for good before many months had passed.

When a hurriedly organised petition was submitted to the Kent Education Committee some time ago they decided not to bring the scholars back to Thanet. All the elementary schools have re-opened and I think it is agreed that the children do not seem to have suffered as the result of their return—in fact, I would suggest that they are better both in health and mind.

Surely the K.E.C. should pay some regard to the desires of the parents and should be able to make some statement giving the definite reason why it is considered still necessary for only the children of the secondary schools to remain away. Is it not possible for some arrangements to be made for secondary education to be given in Thanet and the option be given to parents to decide the place of residence for their children? However good the foster-parents are, home influence is a vital necessity during the critical years of a child's life when character is being moulded. Can our Thanet representatives on the K.C.C. help us? I personally am willing to do all in my power to assist any movement that has the object of returning secondary education to Thanet.

The parents want their children back and the K.E.C. can, if they have the will, do all that is necessary.

H. TAYLOR.

14 Station Approach-road,
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SPITFIRE FLAG DAY

Sir,—I want to appeal to the citizens of Ramsgate to give wholehearted support to the above effort.

I had intended to finish flag days but I feel that I must make a final gesture on behalf of our gallant R.A.F.

Do not let us forget that it was the Spitfire that saved us from slavery and it is our chance to prove how much we value the sacrifice by the R.A.F. for us.

Boxes can be obtained from Clarendon House on Friday, 8th October.

A. B. C. KEMPE
Mayor.

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FAMINE RELIEF

Sir,—Although the local compaign of the Famine Relief Committee has met with very encouraging support and sympathetic interest, there still seem a few people who are under a misapprehension as to the nature of the proposed scheme. It is **not** an appeal for funds.

The scheme advocated by the Famine Relief Committee, and which has the active support of many eminent people including the Archbishop of Canterbury, urges the sending of milk powder and vitamin capsules to expectant and nursing mothers and children in the German-occupied countries of Europe. The Greek and Belgian Governments would pay for their goods, neutral ships would carry them and the International Red Cross would control the distribution. All that is asked of the Allied Governments is the navicerts to allow the proposed supplies through the blockade.

A limited, but still inadequate, amount of wheat has been sent to Greece monthly since August, 1942. What is urgently required is that relief should be extended to include other occupied countries in Europe, especially Belgium, where conditions are fast approaching those of Greece.

There is ample evidence and ministerial admission that supplies so far sent to Greece have not been seized.

At the shop in King-street (opposite the Odeon) there is a petition urging the Member for Thanet to press for the acceptance by the Government of the proposed scheme of the Famine Relief Committee. This is open for signatures on Friday and Saturday, 1st and 2nd October, between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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REASON FOR PRIDE

LADY CARSON'S TRIBUTE TO MARGATE

"I think you can be very proud of the way you have behaved during this long war," said Lady Carson last week, paying a tribute to the people of Margate.

At a gathering at the Town Hall Lady Carson, on behalf of the Red Cross and St. John War Organisation, received a donation of £482 raised by the Margate Division of the Kent County Constabulary as a result of the fete and sports held at Dane Park on August Bank Holiday.

Mr. W. Palmer, Deputy Chief Constable of Kent, who presided, was supported by the Mayor and Mayoress (Alderman and Mrs. F. J. Cornford), Mrs. Palmer, Alderman F. L. Pettman and Mrs. Pettman and C/I H. B. Fleet.

Handing the cheque to Lady Carson, Mr. Palmer said the success of the effort was due to the hard-working committee and to all ranks of the police force, assised by their wives and friends. The fete was held firstly to raise funds for prisoners of war, of whom there were about 100 from Margate, and secondly to provide pleasure and entertainment for the people of Margate on a day that was a very happy occasion in peace-time.

Terrible Time.

Lady Carson, in acknowledging the cheque, said she attended the fete and sports and knew what a grand day it was. It was so well organised and so smoothly run that one was apt to forget the hard work which was necessary beforehand in order to ensure its success.

The Red Cross, continued Lady Carson, would be most thankful for such a fine contribution. It cost an enormous amount of money to send the parcels to the prisoners of war.

"I am very proud to be living so near to Margate," continued Lady Carson, "because I think Margate people have been splendid in the way they have stood up to all the bombing and the bad times. One does realise what a terrible time the town has been going through, and I hope that when the war is over people will again flock to Margate and try to make up for the terrible time you have had during the past four years. I think you can be very proud of the way you have behaved during this long war."

Lady Carson said she wished to take the opportunity of thanking the police on behalf of the public for all they did for them. She always felt that if anything happened the police would come to help, and she had found that one never called on the police in vain.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Rabbit Show.—Ramsgate and District Rabbit Club are holding a pen show of rabbits at St. Ethelbert's Hall, Hereson-road, on Sunday, 3rd October. Entries can be received up to to-morrow.

Congregational Church Services.—Throughout the winter months Sunday services at Ramsgate Congregational Church will be held at 11 am. and 3.30 p.m.

Whist Drives every Thursday at 3 p.m., at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, in aid of Red Cross Fund and Mayor's Services Comforts Fund alternately. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

Savings.—National savings in Ramsgate for the week ended 17th September amounted to £3,209. For the three preceding weeks the totals were £3,595, £4,478 and £4,004.

Labour Party Meeting.—A public meeting of the newly-constituted Ramsgate Labour Party, which is already making good headway, is to be held at The 1914 Club, Chatham-place, at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Examination Success.—At the recent examinations at Weston-super-Mare secondary School, Charles Brase, formerly of Chatham House, Ramsgate, passed the Oxford School Certificate with exemption from matriculation.

You cannot do better than take anything you have to sell to an old-established firm. Prosser and Newbery buy old gold, jewellery, silver plate, glass, cutlery, etc. Licensed valuers. 47 and 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Recruiting Visit.—An R.A.F. recruiting officer will be visiting Clarendon House, Ramsgate, on Monday, between 11.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. The R.A.F. requires men for aircrews between the ages of 17½ and 39 and for some ground trades between 18 and 50.

MARGATE

Lifeboat Flag Day.—The flag day at Margate in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution realised a sum of £145 18s. 6d., compared with £127 last year. The amount included contributions from 13s.; Monkton, £2 17s. 7d.; St. Nicholas, Westgate, £16 18s. 10d.; Birchington, £15 £1 1s. 10d.; Sarre, £1 1s. 4d.

Battle of Britain Sunday

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presentatives of the magistracy and many prominent townspeople.

In addition to the Air Force representatives the procession included detachments of the Home Guard, Army Cadet Force, police, National Fire Service, Civil Defence services, public utility and G.P.O. repair squads, St. John Ambulance Brigade and Fire Guard.

Representatives of the W.V.S. had gathered in the church previously.

Following the service the procession re-formed and the salute was taken at a point opposite Ellington School by Sqdn.-Ldr. Hawkins, M.C., A.F.C.

The Mayor's chaplain, Rev. J. H. Roundhill, Vicar of St. Lawrence, officiated at the service, assisted by the Rev. P. M. Townend (Vicar of Christ Church, Rev. A. H. Culmer (Rector of Holy Trinity) and Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel (Minister of Cavendish Baptist Church).

C.D. Colours.

Opening his address, Mr. Roundhill said the King had approved colours for the Civil Defence Services. They had been granted to scheme-making authorities, which in the case of Ramsgate meant the county authority. But boroughs also could have colours if they could find the means of obtaining them. They had in the church that day Civil Defence colours provided for the borough of Ramsgate by the Women's Voluntary Services.

There was nothing very elaborate about the colours, said the Vicar. They were surmounted by a three-fold cross, which they called the Union Jack. These crosses were the crosses of the saints. They were a token of the nation and what it stood for.

They were gathered together that afternoon, said the Vicar, because they were conscious of a great deliverance. Three years ago the nation as a body was bruised and bleeding, and the enemy gathered, as did the eagles, to destroy the body. They found the body was not dead. There was still life and power in it. Wherein lay that power? It was not in the wealth of the people, in their capacity for pleasure, or in inherited privilege. It was found in men and women with a tenacity of purpose, a high sense of duty and unflinching courage. There was the life and power of the nation. There was the power that made the difference between life and death.

Many Trials.

They were there that afternoon to express their thanks to God for the men and women in whom that life and power was found. They were gathered in a church which had been a place of prayer and worship for 900 years, during which time the country had passed through many trials.

A review of the war revealed that it had not proceeded according to any man's plans. No side could say that everything had gone just as they had expected. There was a power over everything, and that power was God. He decided the issues. They should be thankful that He used men and women, however imperfect they might be, for His purpose. For 1900 years men had planned peace without God, and so had drifted into wars.

In conclusion, said the Vicar, they were gathered together as an act of dedication. They must eliminate selfishness which made men vultures which fed on the bodies of those they were that day honouring. They could best thank them by emulating their tenacity of purpose, high sense of duty, unflinching courage and selfless devotion.

THE THIN BLUE LINE

BROADSTAIRS PAYS TRIBUTE

St. Peter's Church was packed on Sunday morning when a commemorative service was conducted by the priest-in-charge, Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith.

There was an imposing procession from Pierremont Hall to the church, including contingents of the police, Army, R.A.F., A.T.C., W.A.A.F., Coastguards, Sea Cadet Corps, Observer Corps and Home Guard.

The lessons at the service were read by Alderman E. S. Oak-Rhind, O.B.E., chairman of the Kent County Civil Defence Committee, and Councillor H. Noble, Chairman of Broadstairs Council.

Recalling the drama of the summer of 1940 when enormous masses of enemy planes came over the coast and the incredibly thin line of Spitfires and Hurricanes that met them, Mr. Meredith said it seemed at one time as if nothing could stop the assault. To-day they honoured that thin blue line of the R.A.F. who stood to arms and faced such enormous odds. They honoured the pilots and they honoured those on the ground upon whose efficiency the safety of the pilots depended.

The enemy object was not only the destruction of the Air Force but to beat our country to its knees—to break the morale of the people. While the struggle was being fought in the air another was being fought on the ground, a fight of the people's army, weaponless and often without a uniform. Many of them in church went out into the streets and fought for the nation's life.

Desperate Struggle.

The struggle was a desperate one, the enemy pressing farther and farther into our land, bringing havoc to our towns and villages. In those days to an impartial observer there could have seemed only one result—that sooner or later Britain must bow before the storm. Yet it was not so.

Suggesting reasons why we won, Mr. Meredith said the Germans had prepared their assault with the greatest care and deliberation. Elsewhere it had proved irresistible, but here they had overlooked certain facts. Firstly, the people were a free people, a people not driven but led. Secondly, the people were united—disputes and distinctions were forgotten and bishop and bricklayer worked side by side for that which was precious to both. There was a glorious glimpse of the sublime might to which our people could attain if only they could put aside selfishness for the common good. Thirdly, our enemies had forgotten the strength which came from the conviction that the cause was right. Britain fought with the strength of Sir Galahad because she was convinced she was right.

Mr. Meredith warned his listeners of the danger of reaction. Already there were signs that in the com-

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BROADSTAIRS

Reading Street Services.—Owing to black-out restrictions, evensong is now held in the afternoon at St. Andrew's Church, Reading Street.

Savings.—Savings certificates £430 and deposits in the Post Office savings bank £519 made up a total of £949 invested in national savings in Broadstairs and St. Peter's during the week ended 18th September.

Funeral of Mr. W. T. Pemble.—The Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith officiated at the funeral at St. Peter's of Mr. William Thomas Pemble, of 19 Howard-road, Broadstairs, who died at the age of 79. The mourners were Miss Queenie Pemble (daughter), Mr. H. W. Pemble and Mr. E. Pemble (sons).

Reconstruction.—Post-war reconstruction and planning was discussed when a group of Broadstairs residents, with a few soldier guests, met at Broadstairs Rectory. Dr. R. Riley, who opened the meeting, spoke on the use of money and the control of credit. When the group meets next the subject will be the widening of purchasing powers.

Old Comrades' Whist.—Prizewinners at the weekly whist drive held by the Broadstairs branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association at the Clarendon Hotel, were Mr. McCan, Mrs. Goldsack, Mrs. Pay, Pte. Sutton, Pte. Bromley and Mr. Thirkettle. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Pointer and Mr. W. Lawrence was M.C.

C.E.M.A. Concert.—Tuesday's recital presented by C.E.M.A. at St. Peter's Church was attended by over 200 people. Norman Lumsden (bass) sang a selection of negro spirituals, an early composition of Mozart's, written when he was 17, and variations by Schubert were played by Bertha Hagart (pianoforte), who also accompanied Antonia Butler (violoncello). The silver collection was in aid of C.E.M.A.

RAMSGATE WANTS C.E.M.A.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERTS

The eighth C.E.M.A. concert given in Ramsgate at the Congregational Hall on Thursday last week provided a large audience with quite a range of emotions.

Surprise, for Miss Sybil Eaton, who was not billed for this concert, made an unexpected and welcome appearance. Delight, as her presence made it possible for Beethoven's "Archduke Trio" to be performed. Sadness, as she announced in the interval that as she was being transfered to another part of the country, she would not be coming to us again as local "traveller." Mr. Murray Davies would be taking her place.

Miss Eaton also announced that although the special allocation granted to bombed towns by C.E.M.A. had been spent and that Ramsgate had had more concerts than other towns placed in similar circumstances, she had persuaded the chief organiser of concerts, Miss Crook, to come and find out for herself how needed and appreciated the concerts were. Consequently Miss Crook decided to use her special grant to continue to make people in Ramsgate happy with the music they love.

The greatest joy of the evening was the performance by Sybil Eaton, Antonia Butler and Bertha Hagart of Beethoven's Archduke Trio in B flat for violin, 'cello and piano. The well balanced playing of the intricate tunes and involved variations, and the delicate handling of the slow movement, revealed in the three players a great intellectual as well as emotional understanding.

Miss Bertha Hagart, pianist, who did not have a moment's rest during the concert, opened the recital with Bach's Prelude and Fugue in A minor. The singing melody of the bass, with the running strings of semi-quavers in the treble, gave to this work, and to the Mozart short sonata which followed, a fluidity, a serenity and a peace very soothing and restful to our war-weary nerves.

Mozart Songs.

Mr. Norman Lumsden, bass, began with a group of Mozart's well-known songs from his various operas, "Magic Flute," "Il Seraglio" ("When a maiden takes your fancy") and Don Giovanni's famous air of Leforello recalling his master's innumerable conquests. The last two, which depend on clear diction in addition to a well modulated voice, were sung with all the required sense of proportion. His other group consisted of a lovely ballad by Graham Pell and the sprightly, cheery, fresh tune, "In the garden where the praties grow."

To all music-lovers the name of Antonia Butler is a household word. Her 'cello must have given pleasure to a great number of radio listeners and concert-goers. She ended the concert with four pieces in complete contrast to Beethoven's trio. (1) A traditional Irish air arranged by Herbert Hughes. (2) Sir Hugh's Galliard by Herbert Howells, who composed a series of amusing musical caricatures of his friends. Miss Butler assured us it was typical of the director of the Royal College of Music. (3) Intermezzo, by Granados. (4) Rumanian dance by Alfaro. Antonia Butler could not fail to give distinction to any kind of music, and in this case even the lesser gems of the great composers take on a new radiance through her magnificent technique and artistic personality.

In a charming little speech Mrs. Bennett, wife of the Vicar of Ramsgate, emphasised the pleasure the visiting artists had given us. She warmly thanked them and expressed with feeling the gratitude of the appreciative audience.

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parative safety of inland towns the greatness of those days was forgotten in the renewal of economic and private disputes and wrangling. This must not be, for the struggle went on. In the south-east coast towns they had no temptation to forget, for they were still within range of bombs and guns of the enemy, they still fought on and were called to maintain, in the face of natural strain and weariness, their part to the end.

The end did not mean only the destruction of the German war machine, for that was already in sight, but the destruction of those forces which had made that machine possible, mean selfishness, cruel greed, dishonesty, forces which were by no means confined to one country.

GEORGE MEDALLIST AT ST. PAUL'S

Ldg.-Fmn. Edward H. Moore, of Newington-road, Ramsgate, who was awarded the George Medal for gallantry during the raid on the town on 24th August, 1940, represented No. 30 Fire Force, N.F.S., at the thanksgiving service held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday.

SAVE ALL PAPER
IT IS A MUNITION OF WAR

On Service

NEWS OF THANET MEN & WOMEN

Brothers Together Two well-known cycling brothers — both members of the Ramsgate and District Road Club —are serving together in North Africa. They are Sprs. Ted and Bryn Connelly, formerly of Leopold-road, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Connelly, are now engaged on war work in Bristol.

Bryn was among the first to land in North Africa and saw plenty of action with the Royal Artillery until being transferred to his brother's unit in the Royal Engineers. The company has been employed on advance base work such as camps and hospitals. As woodworkers, they have under their control hundreds of Arabs and now Italian prisoners who seem to settle down all right and are glad the war is "over" for them.

On landing, the brothers had a lively time being dive-bombed, but, of course, things are quiet for them now. Ted and Bryn are both married, the former's wife and baby living in Ramsgate and the latter's wife in Hull.

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Bridge Building Gnr. Alan Darby, a Ramsgate prisoner of war in Germany, who was for a long time on a concrete mixer, is now helping in bridge building. Writing humorously to has parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Darby of 145 Margate-road, he says "we are throwing 18-ton girders about. There's nothing in it—just knack." Alan is in the same camp as Gnr. Norman Peete, husband of Mrs. Peete, of Belmont-road, Ramsgate. Norman is in charge of the entertainment there.

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Back to R.A.F. One of the sons of Mrs. Stewart, of 120 Southwood-road, Ramsgate, Albert has now returned to duties in the Royal Air Force. He was released from the service for essential work in an aircraft factory but has re-joined the R.A.F. for maintenance work at a station in Lincolnshire. On board H.M.S. Orion his brother, Stkr. 1st cl. Jack Stewart, took part in the Sicilian landings and another brother, Ted, is engaged in civil engineering at a military hospital in Oxford, where he is a member of the Home Guard.

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Policeman Posted Son of ex-Inspr. E. H. Swendell, of Ramsgate police, who is now the town's Shops Inspector, Sgt. E. B. Swendell has been posted to the Special Intelligence Branch, Corps of Military Police, in Northern Ireland. Before joining the Military Police three and a half years ago, Sgt. Swendell was employed by the late Mr. Bernard Billingham, accountant, of Cannon-road, Ramsgate.

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Kent Men in Germany There are 22 Thanet members of the Association of Men of Kent and Kentish Men at Stalag 383, Germany, and B/S/M G. Brown has sent a photograph of them to his wife at 150 High-street, Ramsgate.

In a letter written on 14th August, which Mrs. Brown received last week, B/S/M Brown told his wife that he had been for a pleasant walk in the woods and picked a lot of wild strawberries. "For my birthday," he said, "I made myself a 'biscuit pudding'."

His eldest son, Sgt. Bill Brown, serving in the Middle East, has recently re-met several local men with whom he went overseas. Among them is a soldier from Ash, who told Bill that he was with B/S/M Brown during the Crete battle. They had to walk 47 miles to the coast, he said, and B/S/M Brown was unable to accompany him. Bill is attached to the British Military Mission to the Egyptian Army.

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Light and Heavy Two old Hereson boys—Sgt. Percy Mepsted, R.A., and Cpl. Jack Wilson, R.A. — were among those home on leave in Ramsgate last week. Percy is on one of the 5·5 medium howitzer guns—the type which played such an important part in the North African campaign—and Jack is with a light anti-aircraft unit in the south of England.

70 Flying Hours Kenneth Hougham, whose photo appears above, is training in Alberta, Canada, as a pilot navigator bomb-aimer.

When his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hougham, of 40 Alexandra-road, Ramsgate, heard from him a few weeks ago he had already put in 70 flying hours—about half of them solo. "They are fine people out here and treat you as one of themselves," writes Ken, who has seen the beauties of the Rocky Mountains at Banff.

After attending Christ Church and Ellington Schools, Ken, who was 20 in June, was apprenticed to Messrs. W. W. Martin, the builders, as a woodworker. Finishing his apprenticeship, he joined the R.A.F. as a volunteer last September and had his preliminary training in this country before going to Canada in June.

One of the original members of the Thanet A.T.C. Squadron, Ken joined the organisation when it was formed at Margate and later transferred to Ramsgate.

His father, who served with the Kent Cyclists' Battalion and later with the Royal West Kents in the last war, is now a member of the Home Guard at Ramsgate and, in addition, gives morse instruction to the Ramsgate A.T.C. lads.

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Recovering in Hills Friends of Ldg.-Acm. Perce Gray, R.A.F., whose wife and two children live at 102 Coleman-crescent, Ramsgate, will be glad to hear that, after a long spell in hospital in India, he is now well on the road to recovery.

While working on the railway at Ramsgate, Ldg.-Acm. Gray was a member of the Ramsgate (S.R.) Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and he found his right vocation in the Royal Air Force as a member of the medical branch, joining about two and a half years ago. He has been in India just over a year and although he has spent a great part of that time as a hospital patient, he is now convalescing in the hills. The airman has sent home some very artistic airgraphs to his wife and family, who have just returned from Staffordshire.

Mrs. Gray's friend, Mrs. Keeler, of 102 Nixon-avenue, has heard from her husband, Cpl. Frank A. Keeler, Royal Engineers, that he is in Sicily. Frank says there is no housing problem on the island as the inhabitants live in huts and caves. Cpl. Keeler, who entered the R.Es in June, 1940, married a daugther of Mr. F. Hickman, of St. Augustine's Golf Club.

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Harvest Help As a member of the Land Army, Miss Ellen O. Fassam, an old girl of Ellington School, Ramsgate, has been enjoying life harvesting in Dorset and Sussex. She left Ramsgate in 1940 to take up war work in Buckinghamshire but returned to Kent to undergo instruction in driving at a Canterbury garage. She passed out as an experienced driver and is now driving tractors.

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Passed as "A.-G." After passing out for operational duties, Air-Gnr. Frank Edwards, R.A.F., has been on a few days' leave at his home, 3 Clifton-street, Margate. An old boy of Holy Trinity School, he joined the service in July last year.

Sgt. Herbert S. Edwards, R.A., his elder brother, has been serving in the Middle East for three years with the Margate Territorial battery. In that time he has taken part in many engagements in the desert. Queenie, their sister, entered the A.T.S. eight months ago and is now employed in the supply branch. Mr. Stanley Edwards, the father, went through the last war with the Royal Artillery and re-joined the service in 1940, while Mrs. Edwards is on munitions work.

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Bed Companions Staff-Sgt. A. J. Luckett, R.E.M.E., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Luckett, of 94 Queen-street, Ramsgate, who is stationed with his regiment in India, writes very interesting and cheery letters home. Although not liking the heat and insects, he is very interested in the "flora and fauna" of the country and sends home descriptions of the various fruits and animals with which he comes into contact, particularly the lizards which climb the walls and windows. One day he found two young mynahs on his bed. They had evidently been washed out of their nest by the rains, but after keeping them all night and getting them thoroughly dry they were able to fly away. Staff-Sgt. Luckett finds the training he received in the orchestra at Chatham House very useful now, as it has enabled him to assist in the formation of a dance band in the mess, and they apparently get a lot of enjoyment out of their various engagements. At first he played the violin, but as they have now been able to scrounge a double-bass from somewhere, he has taken that over.

Slaughter of the Goats In a recent letter home Staff-Sgt. Luckett describes an interesting Hindu ceremony. In his own words he says "We saw a very interesting religious ceremony the other day. A temple has just been built close to the camp and we went out to see what was doing. It was in honour of the Hindu Goddess Kali—the Goddess of Destruction, wife of Shiva, the God of Creation. They worship three Gods, but I forget what the other one calls himself. The arrival of the band was a great success. They had two lads beating out a steady six in a bar on very big tom-toms, and two old boys had a peculiar trumpet thing each, with which they produced the most ex-

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cruciating noises. It was a still greater success when one of our fellows joined in with the bagpipes. After that there was a lot of praying in the temple, during which time a number of goats were brought upon the scene. We went back to the mess and returned after an hour or so, just in time to witness the grand climax, namely the beheading of the unfortunate and, I am sure, innocent goats. One by one (six in number) their heads were placed in a special bracket, their legs stretched, and 'whoosh,' a chap with a whopping big knife lopped their heads clean off. I thought the goats looked very surprised. The heads were then taken inside and arranged in two neat rows. Anyway, I had seen quite enough of the gruesome business by this time so I took myself off to my bed." In spite of his many novel experiences, he looks forward to the time when he will be returning to old England.

You like to have news from your sons and daughters in the forces, so do we. We invite you to pass on their stories to us so that their friends may know how they are getting along.

STRUCK HIS MOTHER

DEFIANT MARGATE BOY

Stated to have been caught by a police officer climbing over the railings surrounding a cafe, a 12-year-old boy was brought before the magistrates at Margate juvenile court on Wednesday, accused of stealing. It was his second appearance before the court this year.

He admitted stealing a pair of scales and four brass weights from the Nayland Cafe.

C/I Fleet said that on the morning of 11th September P/S Galer was going off duty when he received information which caused him to go to the Nayland Cafe. He saw the boy climbing over the railings surrounding the cafe and found the scales and weights beside the railings. The lad admitted to him that he had taken the property from the cafe and said he intended taking it home.

The bakehouse door was open and appeared to have been open for some time.

C/I Fleet said the boy was before the court in May, when he was bound over for breaking into an unoccupied furnished house and stealing a large number of articles which he took away in a barrow.

The Probation Officer (Mr. A. E. Bray) said the boy was rather irregular in reporting to him and appeared in an untidy and neglected condition. The mother had reported to him that the boy had been cheeky to her, had defied and struck her.

The lad's father, serving in the Army, told the bench he did not think his wife was able to control the large family.

The boy was ordered to be sent to a remand home for three weeks for a report on his general condition.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	...	7.17 p.m.—6.26 a.m.
Wednesday	..	7.16 p.m.—6.28 a.m.
Thursday	...	7.14 p.m.—6.29 a.m.
Friday	...	7.11 p.m.—6.31 a.m.
Saturday	...	7.9 p.m.—6.33 a.m.
Sunday	...	7.7 p.m.—6.34 a.m.
Monday	...	7.5 p.m.—6.36 a.m.

Births, Engagements, Marriages and Deaths

The PREPAID charges for these announcements are 1d. per word (minimum: Births and Deaths 1/6, Engagements, Marriages, Return Thanks and In Memoriam 2/6).

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between Sgt. H. Bentham, R.A., of Sunderland, to Joan Marjorie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Treadaway, of 18 St. George's-road, Ramsgate.

MARRIAGES

Griffin—Brundle.—18th September, at the Methodist Church, Sutton Coldfield, Thomas W. Griffin, of Sutton Coldfield, to Florence K. Brundle, widow of the late Mr. N. Brundle, of Ramsgate.

DEATHS

Cayley.—25th September, suddenly, at 9 Upton-cottages, Broadstairs, Emily Ann Cayley, wife of Edward J. Cayley, aged 72 years.

Coombs.—19th September, at 20 Westbrook-avenue, Margate, James William Coombs, aged 68 years.

Meader.—2nd September, at St. Giles Hospital, London, Joan Winifred Meader, late of Townley-street, Ramsgate, aged 23 years.

Walter.—Capt. William George Walter, aged 42 years, Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., died at sea. Dearly-loved second son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen T. Walter, and brother of Viola, Frank, Charles, Leonard and Jack, of 1 Rawdon-road, Ramsgate. Dear old Bill.—R.I.P. Present address: 12 Cumberland-avenue, Cleveleys, Lancs.

IN MEMORIAM

Bigg.—In cherished memory of our dear Mum, Sarah Bridges Bigg, who passed away 20th September, 1942.—Always in the thoughts of her son and daughters.

Daniel.—In loving remembrance of our beloved son, Martin Charles Campbell Daniel, who died 24th September, 1942.

Daniel, M. C. C., Capt., R.A.S.C., who died 24th September, 1942, as a result of an illness contracted while on active service in the Middle East. Dear Charles—a year ago to-day.—Pat.

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